

BIOGRAPHY

BROOKS, OVERTON, Democrat, of Shreveport, La.; was born in East Baton Rouge Parish, La., parents, Claude M. Brooks, deceased, and Mrs. Penelope Overton Brooks; living - four sister and one brother; educated in the schools of East Baton Rouge Parish; enlisted in the United States Army in July 1918 and served in the Sixth Field Artillery, First Regular Army Division, until September 1, 1919, serving in France, Belgium, and Germany during this time; graduated from the law school of the Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La., on April 10, 1923, at which time he began practicing law at Shreveport, La.; became United States Commissioner on September 1, 1925, and served as such for 10 years; married Miss Mollie Meriwether on June 1, 1933, and they have one child - Laura Anne; member of the Episcopal Church, thirty-second degree Mason and Shriner, Elks, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation, Shreveport Bar Association, Louisiana State Bar Association, Kiwanis Club, Forty and Eight Organization, Bienville Cattlemen's Association, Webster Parish Farm Bureau; president National Rivers and Harbors Congress; elected to Seventy-fifth and to the ten succeeding Congresses.